**Implementation of Universal Compulsory Elementary Education Programme**

242. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount and how many teachers would be required for implementation of Universal Compulsory Elementary (Primary) Education Programme;

(b) whether Government have any plan to implement them in a definite/stipulated time schedule, State-wise;

(c) if so, in how many years;

(d) what concrete steps are being taken by Government to prevent the drop-outs from schools and in elementary education; and

(e) what course of action is being proposed by Government in case of failure in preventing drop-outs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) The assessments made by the Saikia Committee and the Group of Experts regarding financial and human resources requirements for Universal Elementary Education have been examined in the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy.

(b) and (c) The Government proposes to launch the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to universalise elementary education in the mission mode, following a holistic and convergent approaches in order to bring every 6—14 age child to a School/Education Guarantee Scheme/Back to School Camp by 2003 and to provide five years of primary education by 2007.

(d) and (e) The measures to contain dropouts include improving physical infrastructure of schools, provision of teaching learning equipment, making learning joyful, scholarships and incentives to children from weaker sections of society and girls, regular training of

teachers, a contextually relevant curriculum and greater involvement of parents and local communities in the functioning of schools.

**Children deprived of Elementary Education**

†243. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present 55 per cent children in the country are deprived of elementary education;

(b) if so, the State-wise number/percentage of such children;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the children of elementary education belong to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, by when arrangements to provide elementary education to them would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir. As per most recent surveys, 70% of the children in age group 6—14 years are attending schools.

(b) The State-wise figures from National Sample Survey 52nd Round 1995-96 is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) According to available information the difference of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students belonging to general category and those of SC/ST is between 5 to 10 per cent only.

(d) The Government proposes to launch the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to universalise elementary education in the mission mode following a holistic and convegent approach, with special emphasis on children belonging to SC/ST, in order to bring every 6—14 age child to a School/EGS/Back to School Camp by 2003 and to provide eight years of elementary education by 2010.

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